Grand Royal Arch Chapter.

1830.

ANNUAL MEETING.

At the Annual Meeting of the M.E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of this Commonwealth, at Mason's Hall, Tuesday evening, September 7th, A. L. 5830.

PRESENT:

M.E. and Rev. SAMUEL CLARKE,	Grand High Priest.
E. ROBERT LASH, . . .	Deputy Grand High Priest.
" DANIEL L. GIBBENS, .	Grand King, *pro tem.*
" CHARLES WELLS, . .	Grand Scribe.
" ABRAHAM A. DAME, .	Grand Treasurer.
" SAMUEL HOWE, . .	Grand Secretary.
" JOHN R. BRADFORD, .	Grand Marshal.
Comp. FRANCIS R. BIGELOW, .	Grand Steward.
" JOSIAH BALDWIN, . .	Grand Tyler.

Member.—Rev. PAUL DEAN.

The following Chapters were represented, viz:—St. Andrew's, St. Paul's, Mount Zion, Concord, and Sutton.

The Grand Chapter was opened in ancient form, and several visiters admitted by vote.

The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The following report was read and accepted, viz:

The Committee appointed at the last meeting of this Grand Chapter, to wait on M.E. Comps. Samuel Clarke and Paul Dean, to thank them for the expression of their sentiments, and procure the publication of their addresses, have with great pleasure attended the duty assigned them. They have caused 500 copies to be printed, and have made some distribution of them. They would respectfully state that at the suggestion of respectable members of this Grand Chapter, there is appended the addresses of M.E. Comps. Livingston and Poinsett, (delivered at the city of Washington, on a similar occasion,) which will be read with interest by all the fraternity. They hope the performance of their duties will meet the approbation of this Grand Chapter.

Respectfully, ROBERT LASH, per order.

Boston, September 7th, 1830.

The following report was read and accepted, viz:

The Committee appointed to confer with the Council of Royal and Select Masters, on the expediency of uniting those degrees with the degrees conferred in the several Chapters, respectfully report: That they have held several meetings upon the subject, and conferred with the Grand Officer, at the head of that Institution, who unites with the Committee in the opinion that the proposed measure, if adopted under proper regulations, would have a tendency to promote the best interests of all concerned. But as there now exists in this Commonwealth nearly twenty Subordinate Councils, and a Grand Council, all of which claim to be legally constituted Masonic bodies, it is evident that no arrangement having for its object so great a change, can, or ought to be adopted until they are consulted. Therefore as a preliminary step, the companion who presides over the Grand Council, has kindly consented to propose the subject to that body for their consideration. The Committee respectfully ask to be discharged.

All which is submitted.

DANIEL L. GIBBENS, per order.

Masonic Hall, Boston, September 7th, 1830.

The Committee of Finance of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts, having attended to the duty assigned them by the Constitution, respectfully report that they have examined the books and accounts of the Grand Treasurer, and the records of the Grand Secretary, which they find correctly kept and properly vouched.

The Grand Treasurer had in his hands at the settlement of his accounts the last year, the sum of	$1198 84
He has received during the past year from several Chapters under the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter, ...	93 00
And allows for interest on money in his hands, .	65 00
	$1356 84
The Grand Treasurer has paid on account of the Grand Chapter, for sundry expenses, as per vouchers produced, ...	265 21
Leaving a balance in his hands, of . . .	$1091 63

The account current accompanies and makes a part of this report.

The correctness of the account of the Grand Treasurer, and the neatness of the records of the Grand Secretary, are perfectly satisfactory to the Committee, and reflect great credit on those officers.

The Grand Treasurer, as usual, declines any pecuniary compensation, and is entitled to the thanks of the Grand Chapter.

The Committee respectfully recommend that the sum of $40 be allowed the Grand Secretary for his services the past year.

The Grand Treasurer reports that returns have not been received from several Chapters, under the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter.

All which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN R. BRADFORD,
ELIAS HASKELL,
GILBERT NURSE,
Committee of Finance.

Boston, Sept. 6, 1830.

Which report was unanimously accepted.

On motion, *Voted*, That Comps. Gibbens, Knapp, and Raymond, be appointed a Committee on delinquent Chapters, and said Committee are requested to write to them forthwith to pay their dues to this Grand Chapter.

The Grand Chapter resolved itself into Committee of the whole for the election of officers for the year ensuing. Rev. Comp. Paul Dean in the chair.

On motion, *Voted*, That Comps. Knapp, Raymond, and Hobart, be appointed a Committee to collect, assort and declare the votes.

The votes being taken, the Committee reported that Rev. Comp. SAMUEL CLARKE of Princeton, was unanimously re-elected Grand High Priest, for the year ensuing. Comps. Lash, Gibbens, Gay, Wells, and Shattuck, were appointed a Committee to wait on him, and inform him of his election. They reported his acceptance and he was introduced in due form. The following companions were unanimously re-elected to their respective offices.

Rev. Comp. CHAS. TRAIN of Framingham, Grand King.
E. CHARLES WELLS of Boston, . Grand Scribe.
" ABRAHAM A. DAME of Boston, . Grand Treasurer.
" SAMUEL HOWE of Boston, . . Grand Secretary.

The Committee of the whole then rose, and reported the foregoing elections, which were approved by the Grand Chapter.

The following appointments were then made by the M.E. Grand High Priest, viz:

E. Comp. ROBERT LASH of Boston, Deputy Grand High Priest.

Rev. Comp. Sebastian Streeter of Boston,	}	Grand Chaplains.
" " Samuel Barrett of Boston,		
" " Seth Alden of Marlborough,		
" " William Morse of Nantucket,		
E. Comp. John R. Bradford,		Grand Marshal.
Comp. Elijah Atherton,	}	Grand Lecturers.
" Edward A. Raymond,		
" John R. Bradford,	}	Committee of Finance.
" Elias Haskell,		
" Gilbert Nurse,		
" Michael Roulstone,	}	Committee on Charity.
" Samuel Howe,		
" Simon W. Robinson,		
" Simon W. Robinson,	}	Grand Stewards.
" Francis R. Bigelow,		
" Josiah Baldwin, . .		Grand Tyler.

The officers elect, who were present, were qualified for their respective offices.

Voted, That the Grand Secretary be instructed to distribute to each of the several Chapters under this jurisdiction, five copies of the addresses just published, which are now in the Hall, and that each of the members present be requested to take a number for distribution.

Parts of lectures were given on the Mark and Royal Arch degrees, and the Grand Chapter closed in ancient form.

A true record of proceedings.

Attest,

SAMUEL HOWE,
Grand Secretary.

STATED MEETING.

At a Stated Meeting of the M.E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts, at Mason's Hall, on Wednesday evening, December 7th, A. L. 5830.

Present:

E. Robert Lash, . .		Grand High Priest, *pro tem.*
" Robert Keith, . .		Grand King, *pro tem.*
" Lemuel Gay, . . .		Grand Scribe, *pro tem.*
" Abraham A. Dame, .		Grand Treasurer.
" Samuel Howe, . .		Grand Secretary.
" John R. Bradford, .		Grand Marshal.
" Simon W. Robinson,	}	Grand Stewards.
Comp. Francis R. Bigelow,		
" Josiah Baldwin, . .		Grand Tyler.

Member.—E. Daniel L. Gibbens.

The following Chapters were represented, viz:—St. Andrew's, Washington, St. Paul's, and Mount Zion.

The Grand Chapter was opened in ample form, and several visiters admitted by vote.

The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Committee on delinquencies reported, that they had attended to the duty assigned them, and had written to the several delinquent Chapters under the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter, requesting a settlement of their dues.

A petition was presented by Comp. Abner Bourne, in behalf of Bethlehem Chapter, for an extension of their warrant for one year, which was granted.

On motion, *Voted*, That the sum of forty dollars be appropriated for charitable purposes the present year.

Parts of lectures were given on the Mark and Royal Arch degrees, and the Grand Chapter was closed in ancient form.

A true record.

Attest,

SAMUEL HOWE,
Grand Secretary

STATED COMMUNICATION.

At a Stated Communication of the M.E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts, at Mason's Hall, on Tuesday evening, June 7th, A. L. 5831.

PRESENT:

M.E. and Rev. SAMUEL CLARKE,	Grand High Priest.
E. ROBERT LASH, . .	Deputy Grand High Priest.
" CHARLES TRAIN, . .	Grand King.
" SIMON W. ROBINSON, .	Grand Scribe, *pro tem.*
" ABRAHAM A. DAME, .	Grand Treasurer.
" SAMUEL HOWE, . .	Grand Secretary.
E. and Rev. SEBASTIAN STREETER,	Grand Chaplain.
" JOHN R. BRADFORD. . .	Grand Marshal.
Comp. FRANCIS R. BIGELOW, .	Grand Steward.
" JOSIAH BALDWIN, . .	Grand Tyler.

Members.

E. DANIEL L. GIBBENS, E. HENRY PURKETT,
E. JOHN J. LORING.

The following Chapters were represented, viz: — St. Andrew's, St. Paul's, Mount Zion, Bethlehem, and Sutton.

The Grand Chapter was opened in due form, and several visiters admitted by vote.

The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

Rev. Comp. Charles Train was regularly installed into office by the M.E. Grand High Priest.

Some interesting remarks were made and discussed, which were highly gratifying to the companions present.

Parts of lectures on the Mark and Royal Arch degrees were given, and the Grand Chapter closed in ancient form.

A true record.

Attest,

SAMUEL HOWE,
Grand Secretary.

The following is a list of the Chapters under the jurisdiction of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts.

St. Andrew's, Boston,	Charter dated	A. L. 5769
King Cyrus, Newburyport,	do.	5790
St. John's, Groton,	do.	5803
King Solomon's, Charlton,	do.	5805
Washington, Salem,	do.	5811
King Hiram's, Greenwich,	do.	5815
Adoniram, Taunton,	do.	5816
Morning Star, Springfield,	do.	5817
Franklin, Greenfield,	do.	5817
Rising Sun, Nantucket,	do.	5818
St. Paul's, Boston,	do.	5818
Mount Zion, Stoughton,	do.	5820
Thomas, Princeton,	do.	5821
Worcester, Worcester,	do.	5823
Mount Lebanon, Medway,	do.	5824
Brookfield, Brookfield,	do.	5825
Northampton, Northampton,	do.	5825
Concord, Concord,	do.	5826
Mount Horeb, Lowell,	do.	5826
Bethlehem, New Bedford,	do.	5826
Sutton, Sutton,	do.	5826

The Stated Communications are held in Boston, on the Tuesday next preceding the second Wednesday in June, September and December. The Massachusetts Convention of High Priests hold their meetings in Boston, on the same days.

Communications to the Grand Chapter may be directed to Samuel Howe, Grand Secretary, Boston.